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## LEADER OF ARIZONA'S ARYAN BROTHERHOOD PRISON GANG SENTENCED TO OVER 19 YEARS IN PRISON

PHOENIX – Bruce Foy Lowry, A.K.A. "Boss Hog", DOB 12/22/50, of Phoenix, was sentenced today to 235 months in prison for one felony count of Felon in Possession of Ammunition in violation of the Armed Career Criminal Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(e), by federal District Court Judge David G. Campbell in Phoenix.

The evidence which led to a guilty verdict by a jury on February 11, 2004 showed that Lowry was arrested in April 2003 on an unrelated charge by ATF and other agencies. At the time of his arrest, Lowry admitted he had a loaded Ruger, .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol in his waistband.

At sentencing, the government presented evidence that Lowry was a leader in the Aryan Brotherhood, an Arizona prison gang, and has seven prior felony convictions including two in Santa Clara County, Calif., for Robbery in 1974, and five in Pima County, Ariz., for Armed Robbery in 1975, Assault with a Deadly Weapon in 1978, Assault with Intent to Commit Murder in 1979, Promoting Prison Contraband in 1987 and Possession of a Dangerous Drug in 1987.

Lowry's sentence is a success for ATF's Project ARROW, "Apprehend Released Repeat Offenders with Weapons." ATF's Project ARROW targets individuals who have multiple prior felony convictions for crimes of violence and a known propensity for using and/or carrying weapons. Project ARROW is an ATF-led initiative supported by the Phoenix Police Department through surveillance and arrest support and by the U.S. Attorney's Office through prosecutorial support as part of the Arizona Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the Phoenix Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Corrections.

The prosecution in this case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Battista.

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